

SENATOR GOODRICH: Alright, I can explain this this particular amendment. This has nothing to do with the actual intent, or the original intent of the bill, it is just that Senator Skarda was kind enough to use his bill to piggy back this amendment on too, and it will provide to solve a problem that we have in Douglas County. The problem is that the present statutes say that counties of over 10,000 population and up to 200,000 population can operate a board of trustees of the county hospital in one way but the statute also has a conflict in it. It says, or counties with over 10 million dollars worth of property value. This means that Douglas County is one respect but not intended to be in the bill in the other respect. So what we are doing is that we are providing to a solution to that particular problem. We are letting the county board go either way, they can either serve as the hospital authority in that county or they can appoint a separate hospital authority for a...a..but at least there will not be a conflict in the statutes, and they will know which way that they can go to be legal I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator from Alliance.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the legislature, about six weeks ago we made some plans for this evening and I'm sorry but I would like to be excused for the rest of the evening.

SPEAKER: Request denied.....your excused. Any further discussion on Senator Goodrich's amendment? Chair would observe that the TV cameras are inoperative, and so the candidates can all relax. The question is shall the Goodrich amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay.

SPEAKER: Goodrich amendments are adopted. Any further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: No further amendments.

SPEAKER: Have any more amendments mr. Clerk?

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER: Now Senator Skarda, are you satisfied?

SENATOR SKARDA: I'm happy. Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced as amended. The purpose of the bill is to clarify the powers actually of a hospital authority so as to include the acquisition and construction of medical care facilities for children and addicted people, and disabled and the elderly people and the facilities between a...a..could include both residential and non or out-patient care, and the bill also authorizes the provision of facilities for the physicians and other health care related personnel. There is no state, city or county or government money in this. There is no power to tax. I believe that concludes what I have to say about it.

SPEAKER: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I rise in support of the bill. Senator Skarda has well stated